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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GHERGO

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on immunization against mumps,
German measles and measles

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas it is appropriate for the European Community to take initiatives to protect the health of its citizens,
 - B. whereas mumps can cause severe complications affecting vital organs and, in some cases, death, not only in children but also in the adults infected by it, and therefore warrants specific action in the field of preventive vaccination,
 - C. welcoming in particular the many experiments conducted in Sweden and the United States which have proved that vaccination against mumps is efficacious, harmless and easily administered,
 - D. having regard to the low cost of the vaccine and to the fact that costs could be decreased still further by combining the viruses for vaccination against mumps, German measles and measles, a procedure whose soundness has been demonstrated by numerous scientists,
1. Calls on the Commission to investigate the measures best suited to inducing the Member States to make provision for protective immunization programmes against mumps, measles and German measles, with the vaccine to be administered free of charge to those who request it;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Governments of the Member States.